

E-HAPPENINGS

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

February 2009

NEWS

"Faces, Voices & Stories Cultural Series"

WNC Professor Examines the "Similar" World We Live in



Farm in Vietnam

Speaker: Chris Ryan

Thursday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m.

WNC Carson City – Cedar Building, Marlette Hall

Cost: Free

Explore how cultural globalization is changing our world. For some this is controversial based upon the loss of tradition and society as we know it. Since 1992, Chris Ryan has worked for the Education Foundation of the National Geographic Society. He has traveled and taught in more than 50 countries. Chris will bring his experiences and images into the lecture hall to share with the college and community. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-02-23a.php>

Western Joins MySpace and Facebook

Western is now a part of the social networking site MySpace. We will be posting upcoming events, making various announcements, and reporting cancelled classes on our page. Feel free to visit any time, ask questions, and join our MySpace friends list. Keep in touch with your college and receive special broadcasts! We also have our own Facebook page. Search for us and become a fan!

www.myspace.com/wncedu

Tales and Scenes from the Trail - Photographer Circles the Globe on a Bicycle

Speaker: Rick Gunn

Wednesday, March 11, 7 p.m.

WNC Carson City – Cedar Building, Marlette Hall

Suggested Donation of \$10

Photographer Rick Gunn has done something people have thought about, but almost no one has the courage to do: he left his job to take a bicycle journey around the world. Gunn brings his 90-minute presentation "Soulcycler" to Western in the form of 350 breath-taking photos from 33 countries, set to music and accompanied by a selection of uniquely emotional stories from around the planet.

Specialty Crop Institute Presents Organic Farming Workshop

Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

WNC Fallon Campus

Information/Reservations: Ginny Dugan, 775-423-5186

WNC's Specialty Crop Institute will present "Organic Farming-Making the Transition." Dr. Elaine Ingham, a renowned soil expert, author and lecturer, will be the featured speaker on Saturday. Dr. Ingham will discuss the basics of the soil food web she developed as well as eco-friendly methods for sustainable farming, landscaping and gardening. The workshop will include sessions on organic production and a site visit to local organic farms. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-02-10a.php>





COLLEGE CORNER

Sign Language Students Honor Instructor Cindy Frank

American Sign Language instructor Cindy Frank has so impressed her students and fellow faculty members that she was surprised earlier this month with a special appreciation award. Cindy has done a lot for the college, not only in the classroom, but also by her assistance to the deaf community. She and her students created the "Community Deaf Pride Day" celebration on campus to help break the isolation that

can affect the deaf and hard of hearing. Last year's event included entertainment, information on the latest technology to aid deaf individuals, resources and signing lessons. Congratulations!

WNC Foundation Gifts On the Increase

Times are tough and people are concerned about the economy, but that hasn't stopped faculty, staff, clubs, organizations and friends from caring about Western Nevada College. The number of individual cash/check donations to the WNC Foundation appears to be on the rise. According to Vice President of Development and External Affairs Helaine Jesse, 1,830 gifts have been received in the past eight month, compared with 1,362 in the same time period last year. Gifts can be earmarked for any purpose, including specific academic departments, athletics teams, scholarships, services, etc.

Gathering Genius: Volunteer at International Science Fair

May 10-16, 2009

Reno-Sparks Convention Center, Reno

A prestigious event that can put Northern Nevada in a very good light is on the horizon. The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair is considered the world's most prestigious pre-college science event. It can increase awareness of the importance of science, math and engineering education, strengthen K-16 collaboration, and cultivate future scientists and engineers. It is also an important tourism event that is in need of many volunteers. It is anticipated there will be 1,400 participants from more than 50 countries, and more than 6,000 total visitors. Wherever your talents lie, the Science and Engineering Fair can put them to good use. Those with doctorates or equivalent degrees are needed as judges. More than 100 interpreters are needed. Hundreds of volunteers are needed for all types of positions, including special events, student assistance, security and Information: <http://www.intelisef2009.org/>



February's Photo from the WNC Jack C. Davis Observatory

CRAB NEBULA – Known as M1 or NGC 1952, it is located in the constellation of Taurus. It is an image of a supernova remnant (an exploded star). The explosion occurred in 1054 and is located approximately 6,500 light years from Earth. The Davis Observatory is releasing a monthly photo of a deep space object in celebration of 2009 as the International Year of Astronomy,

ARTS



Madrigal
31½ x 15½ x 6¼"
2008

"Time Bomb" Drops In On College Gallery

College Gallery, Bristlecone Building, WNC Carson City

Monday, March 2 through Friday, April 3

Artists' Reception Wednesday, March 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The themes of time and explosives meld together at the College Gallery in March as Annie Hall and Lara Alberti present a show entitled "Time Bomb."

Hall's recent paintings are considerations of complex gardens, political history and The Bomb. She works mainly with oil on canvas or linen, using traditional techniques and simple tools, such as a knife. Alberti creates assemblages in wood boxes. By working in antique clock cases, she addresses the irony of ephemeral notions of time within the solidity of a heavy wooden clock case.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-02-24a.php>

ATHLETICS

Support Wildcats Baseball and Softball

There is a lot of good news to report on the athletics front. The Wildcats softball team has its second home stand this weekend, against cross-state rival College of Southern Nevada. Come out and support the first-year team at Centennial Park, field 5. Doubleheaders begin Friday and Saturday at noon, and admission is free with a WNC ID card.

WNC's baseball team opens its home seasons on Friday, March 6, at John L. Harvey Field against CSN. The team begins conference play this weekend at the College of Eastern Utah.

Help support the new Wildcats softball team with an official WNC Softball sweatshirt! You could look as warm and stylish as our models - Athletics Director John Kinkella and Sports Information Director Anne Hansen. Available sizes: M-L-XL Cost \$35. Contact John at 445-3271 to purchase.



HOLD THE DATE

Thursday, April 23

Scenic & Wild Environmental Film Festival

Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m.

Marlette Hall, Cedar Building, WNC Carson City

Information: Valerie Andersen – 445-3222

Friday-Sunday, May 8-10 & 15-17

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on stage

Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Carson City Community Center

Tickets: 445-4249